

REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION

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JULY 8, 2003

**FROM: ROBERTA YORK, DIRECTOR
PRESCHOOL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

SUBJECT: ACCEPT GRANT AWARD FOR THE HEAD START PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION: Accept grant award in the amount of \$16,220,965 for annual base funding and staff training for the Head Start Program for FY 2003-2004.

BACKGROUND: On March 11, 2003, the Board of Supervisors approved the submission of the annual grant application to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), the Federal agency that administers the Head Start Program.

The ACF has awarded \$16,220,965 to Preschool Services Department (PSD) for Head Start program for fiscal year 2003-2004. The grant award is comprised of \$15,929,667 (50% of the approved annual funding level of \$31,859,334), and a Training and Technical Assistance award of \$291,298. The balance of the base funding (\$15,929,667) will be awarded in October 2003 (as is the ACF standard practice for distribution of these annual funds).

Approval of this award will allow PSD to serve approximately 5,126 (including 808 children funded by the California State Department of Education) low-income children/families in 40 preschool sites located throughout the County.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Julie Surber, Deputy County Counsel) on June 20, 2003; the County Administrative Office (Gary Morris, Administrative Analyst) on June 25, 2003; and by HSS Finance (Kristin Letterman, Administrative Manager) on June 26, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The Head Start (as the primary program) funding of \$16,220,965 was anticipated and adequate appropriations and revenues are included in the FY2003/2004 PSD budget. Preschool Services is 88% Federal and 12% State funded. There is no local cost. This grant is fully funded by the ACF.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends this action, as the revenue received under the Head Start Program is 100% reimbursed by the Federally funded Head Start Program with no local costs.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT (S): All

PRESENTER: Roberta York, Director, Preschool Services Department (909) 387-2355

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